pipeline gas services are available in Central and South Delhi, covering the following localities:

Lodhi Colony	Kaka Nagar
Lodhi Complex	Bapa Nagar
Pragati Vihar	Pandara Road
Sarpjini Nagar	Pandara Park and
Naurpji Nagar	R.K. Puram
Mohammad Pur	Sectors-1,2,3,4,5,7.

(b) The areas planned to be covered by IGL during the current Financial Year are the following:

DIZ Flats Kali Bari Marg & Baba Kharag Singh Marg

Asiad Village Complex

Andrews Ganj Extn.

Chanakyapur

Kidwai Nagar East & West

Netaji Nagar

R.K. Puram Sector-8,9,12,13.

(c) to (e) Representations are received from time to time for providing PNG connections. IGL undertakes to provide piped gas connections in Government Colonies/flats, subject to technical feasibility and advice from CPWD. Accordingly, IGL propose to cover Laxmibai Nagar with pipeline gas service in the financial year 2005-06. In the absence of advice from CPWD, INA Colony has not been included in the plans for the present.

Production of crude oil

2197. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is dependent on around 67 per cent crude oil imports and the balance is met by domestic production;

(b) if so, what are the figures of imports of crude and indigenous production during 2003 and six months of 2004 with foreign exchange outgo and national cost of domestic produce;

(c) the steps taken to reduce dependence and economic production by ONGC and Indian Oil Corporation alongwith the total number of officer/ officials in the two undertakings; and

(d) the ratio of staff with each crude produced?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) During the year 2003-04, our import dependence to meet the domestic demand of petroleum products was 70.7%.

(b) During the year 2003-04 and April-June, 2004,33.73 MMT and 8.519 MMT of crude oil was respectively produced indigenously. The details of crude oil imports during this period are as follows:

Period	Crude oil imports (MMT)	Value (US$ million)
2003-04 April-	90.434	18.268
June 2004	24.548	6.488

(c) and (d) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) does not produce any crude oil. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) produced 26.057 MMT of crude oil during 2003-04 and had 38,002 employees as on 01.4.2004. Steps taken by the Government to reduce/check the oil import dependence include the following:

(1) Efforts made to increase the production of crude oil and gas by:

i. Increasing the exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy.

ii. Improving the recovery factor from the existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes.

iii. Exploring new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas as also exploring in the deeper layers of the producing fields.

IV.. Faster development of newly discovered fields and increased use of new technologies for seismic survey, work over, simulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas.

v. Acquiring acreasges abroad.

(2) Mandating ethanol blending of petrol in certain States and Union Territories.

(3) Increasing awareness of oil conservation measures.

Oil refinery in Rajasthan

2198. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of heavy oil reserves having been found in Rajasthan, there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an oil refinery in that State; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the location identified for the purpose, time likely to be taken for its setting up and the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set up an oil refinery in Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

HP's dealers in coastal Andhra Pradesh

2199.SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has any service pumps, petrol pumps and dealers of its products in coastal Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of petrol pumps, diesel outlets, etc., under Hindustan Petroleum Corporation in East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the quantum of petrol and diesel supplied to these four districts by Hindustan Petroleum in the last three months; and

(d) what steps are proposed to monitor the activities and business strategies of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Hindustan Petroleum Corpration Ltd. (HPCL) is now operating 137 Retail Outlets and 92 gas distributorships in coastal Andhra Pradesh.